

APPENDIX B

Application Submittal Notice Letter to the Minnesota Commission

26 November 2006

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

**RE: Notice of Intent by Minnesota Power and Great River Energy to
Submit a Route Permit Application under the Alternative Permitting
Process**

Dear Dr. Haar:

Pursuant to Minn. Rules 4400.2000 Subp.2, this letter serves as notice that Minnesota Power and Great River Energy intend to submit a Route Permit application for the Tower 115 kV Transmission Project in St. Louis County, Minnesota under the Alternative Permitting processes of Minn. Rules 4400.2000 to 4400.2750.

The Commission issued a Certificate of Need for the Tower Project on May 25, 2006 (Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-05-867).

It is anticipated that the Route Permit application will be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in November 2006.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

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